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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 2024
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**Village of Estero Council Chambers
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928**

March 6, 2024 9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Morris Estero Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jon McLain - District 3, Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble - District 1, Councilmember Larry Fiesel - District 2, Councilmember Lori Fayhee – District 4, Councilmember Rafael Lopez - District 5, Councilmember Jim Ward - District 6, and Councilmember George Zalucki - District 7.

Also present

Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Robert Eschenfelder, David Willems, Public Works Director, Kevin Greenville, Finance Director, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Duran, and Village Clerk Carol Sacco.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Motion: Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Fiesel

Seconded by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Approved agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. PROCLAMATIONS

(a) Estero High School Cambridge 39 Students Award

Cambridge Outstanding Learner Award with Distinction

- Kyra Ritter

Cambridge Outstanding Learner Award with Merit

- Mollie Donaghy
- Hailey Jacob
- Emily Mcdowell
- Sophie Perkins
- Madison White
- Keira Conrey
- Abram Saravia-Lopez
- Alivia Ban

Mayor McLain presented the proclamations to Mike Amabile, Principal of Estero High School, Carolyn Hutto, Cambridge AICE Coordinator/AICE Exams Officer, Kyra Ritter, Mollie Donaghy, Hailey Jacob, Emily Mcdowell, Sophie Perkins, Madison White, Keira Conrey, Abram Saravia-Lopez, and Alivia Ban.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) February 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved consent agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Nay:

Abstentions:

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Jeff Sommer Stadium Turf Installation Contract

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Ward, Zalucki, Fiesel, and Vice Mayor Ribble.

Public Comments

None.

Motion: Motion to approve EC 2024-26 in the amount of \$1,967,667 for Hellas Construction, Inc. to install artificial turf on The Jeff Sommer Stadium football field, approve a \$197,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget (with contingency).

Motion by: Councilmember Zalucki

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Action: Approved EC 2024-26 in the amount of \$1,967,667 for Hellas Construction, Inc. to install artificial turf on The Jeff Sommer Stadium football field, approve a \$197,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget (with contingency).

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Nay:

Abstentions:

(b) Project Manager Services Contract

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Public Comments

None.

Motion: Motion to approve the attached Professional Services agreement with Vieste, LLC.

Motion by: Councilmember Ward

Seconded by: Councilmember Fiesel

Action: Approved the attached Professional Services agreement with Vieste, LLC.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Nay:

Abstentions:

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

8. FIRST READING

(a) Ordinance No. 2024-01 Financial Responsibility

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Amending Article IV (Finance) of Chapter 2 of the Village of Estero Code to Create Enhanced Financial Responsibility and Management Standards; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Kevin Greenville, Finance Director

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Ward, Zalucki, Lopez, Fayhee, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Public Comments

None.

Motion: Motion to pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01 set second reading for March 20, 2024.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Action: Passed first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01 and set second reading for March 20, 2024.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Nay:
Abstentions:

(b) Ordinance No. 2024-02 Procurement

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Amending Division 3 of Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Village Code Regarding Village Procurement Methods and Procedures; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Vice Mayor Ribble and Mayor McLain.

Public Comments

None.

Motion: Motion pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 and set second reading for March 20, 2024.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Ribble
Seconded by: Councilmember Fiesel

Action: Passed first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 and set second reading for March 20, 2024.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

Nay:
Abstentions:

(c) Ordinance No. 2024-04 Investment

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Creating Division 4 (Investment Policies) of Article IV (Finance) of Chapter 2 of the Village of Estero Code to Create Detailed Policies Related to Investment of Village Funds; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability, Codification, and an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Kevin Greenville, Finance Director
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember Ward and Vice Mayor Ribble.

Public Comments

None.

Motion: Motion pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04 and set second reading for March 20, 2024.

Motion by: Councilmember Ward
Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Passed first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04 and set second reading for March 20, 2024.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.
Nay:
Abstentions:

9. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

(a) Ordinance No. 2024-03 Code Enforcement

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Amending Article II Of Chapter 1 of the Village Code Regarding Code Enforcement; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Fayhee, Lopez, and Mayor McLain.

Public Comments

None.

Motion: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-03 subject to changing the word enforcement to compliance.

Motion by: Councilmember Fayhee
Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2024-03 subject to changing the word enforcement to compliance.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Fiesel, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.
Nay:
Abstentions:

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmembers Zalucki, Ward, Lopez, Fiesel, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor McLain.

11. VILLAGE ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney.

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember Zalucki, Fiesel, Mayor McLain.

A consensus by Council was approved to have Village Attorney Eschenfelder negotiate with Superior to try to settle the lawsuit for no more than \$140,000 without attorney fees.

12. VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Adjourn Regular Session at 11:20 am and Convene Workshop Item 11:20 am.

13. WORKSHOP

- (a) Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG) Rating Strategy and Financial Policy Considerations

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Presentation/Information by

Michael C. Johnston, Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG)

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Zalucki and Ward.

Public Comments

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT at 11:45 am

Motion by Councilmember Fiesel and seconded by Councilmember Lopez.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____

By: _____

Carol Sacco, CMC, Village Clerk

Jon McLain, Mayor

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